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FM AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9370

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF BLOCKED VIETNAMESE FUNDS

REF: STATE 102400

1. THE AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM NGUYEN VAN-NGOC, CHARGE D'AFFAIRS OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE EMBASSY REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING RELEASE OF FUNDS IN US DOLLARS ACCOUNT TO PAY BILLS OF VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN BRASILIA. CHARGE FOLLOWED UP LETTER WITH CALL MAY 21 ON DCM. HE SAID THAT HE HAS USED UP CRUZEIROS DEPOSITED IN LOCAL FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK ACCOUNT AND NEEDS TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF \$20 THOUSAND IN NEW YORK ACCOUNT IN ORDER TO PAY BILLS AND CLOSE OUT OPERATIONS IN AN ORDERLY FASHION. CHARGE SAID HE WAS BEING CONTINUOUSLY HOUNDED BY CREDITORS TO SETTLE OUTSTANDING BILLS.

2. THE FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT SECTIONS OF CHARGE'S LETTER TO AMBASSADOR: "ACCOUNT #10.974.626 IN US DOLLARS AT THE FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK HAS BEEN FROZEN, ACCORING TO THE BANK, BY ORDER OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, IT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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DESTINED TO COVER EXPENDITURES RELATING TO THE

OPERATIONS OF THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IN BRAZIL AND NOW THAT WE ARE IN THE FACE OF LIQUIDATION, WE NEED THE FUNDS TO PAY BRAZILIAN AND OTHER CREDITORS (HOUSE RENT, SALARIES OF PERSONNEL, ELECTRICITY, TELEPHONE, ETC). THE BALANCE OF THE ABOVE ACCOUNT IS AROUND US\$20 THOUSAND (WITHOUT COUNTING A NUMBER OF CHECKS ALREADY ISSUED BUT RETURNED BY THE BANK). WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IS YOU COULD INTERVENE WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT TO HELP EXPEDITE LIQUIDATION OF THIS EMBASSY. IF THIS REQUEST IS APPROVED, WE WOULD LIKE THE BALANCE OF THE ACCOUNT IN NEW YORK TO BE TRANSFERRED BY TELEGRAM TO THE ACCOUNT 96500883, IN CRUZEIROS, OF THE EMBASSY OF VIETNAM IN THE FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK IN BRASILIA".

3. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY SO THAT WE CAN ADVISE VIETNAMESE CHARGE.
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